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In re application of: Yoshimi TOCHISHITA, et al.

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For: SURFACE-TREATING SUPPORT MEMBER, SURFACE-TREATING HOLDER,
SURFACE-TREATING PROCESS, AND SURFACE TREATING APPARATUS



CLAIM FOR PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

The benefit of the filing date of the following prior foreign application is hereby requested for the above-identified application, and the priority provided in 35 U.S.C. 119 is hereby claimed:

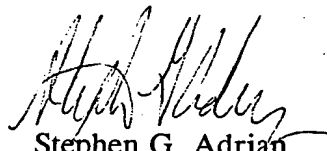
Japanese Appln. No. 10-294685, filed October 2, 1998

In support of this claim, the requisite certified copy of said original foreign application is filed herewith.

It is requested that the file of this application be marked to indicate that the applicants have complied with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 119 and that the Patent and Trademark Office kindly acknowledge receipt of said copy.

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